

MUST PAY.

It will be remembered that the people of Mt. Zion township have been considerably wrought up with reference to their township debt, incurred in aid of the railroad passing through their territory, and that in previous and other legal remedies have been resorted to with a view of securing its payment. It appears, however, that pay day has come, according to the decision of the United States Court at Springfield yesterday, which is thus reported by the *State Journal* of this morning:

In the Circuit Court judgment was entered after a hearing, against the township of Mt. Zion, Macon county, for the sum of \$1,250.75, in favor of W. C. and W. S. Gilman, of New York. This was a suit to recover on interest coupons of bonds issued by the township in aid of the Paris and Decatur railroad; payment being refused by the town authorities on the ground that all the requirements of the law have not been complied with by the officers issuing the bonds. A mandamus was ordered, directing the town officials to audit the claim, and certify the amount necessary to pay the judgment to the County Clerk.

In his Boston lecture, Col. Ingraham expressed his firm hostility to any annexation of islands to the United States. Said he: "I remember when they were talking about San Domingo, I said, 'We don't want it.' They said, 'You never saw such a climate.' 'Well,' said I, 'I don't want it.' 'Why,' said they, 'It don't raise good folks.' You take 5,000 preachers from New England, and 5,000 professors from our colleges, and all the ruling elders with their families, and put them in San Domingo and the next generation you will see them back-track on a mule, the hair sticking out of the backs of their hats, with a rooster under each arm, going to a cock-fight on Sunday."

It is difficult to see what more can be learned of Louisiana affairs than is already known, by sending another commission to that State. Both Houses of Congress have sent committees there, which had the power to compel the attendance of witnesses, and both political parties have sent committees composed of their most discreet men, and in neither case could the opposite parties arrive at any other than opposite conclusions. If the proposed commission goes to Louisiana, and listens to the story of the Packard side of the question. If it listens only to the Nicholls men, it will get the Nicholls side of the story. If it takes the story of both, it will be likely to be governed by its political convictions in arriving at its conclusions just as much as the other committees have. The Electoral Commission decided that Hayes and Wheeler were entitled to the electoral vote of Louisiana, and there is good reason for believing that Packard's title to the Governorship is just as good as was the title of President Hayes to the electoral vote. If the Democratic majority on the face of the returns was the result of bulldozing and fraud, there is every reason to suppose that the same was true of the returns for State officers.—*Washington Leader*.

A WASHINGTON dispatch says that "Secretary Thompson is sweeping down the cobwebs and carting off the dirt that have accumulated in the Navy Department with all the energy and enthusiasm of a young housekeeper who has just moved into a house that has been allowed to run down by the former tenant. Already he has dismissed some eighty clerks whom Robeson kept on the rolls for no other apparent purpose than to draw comfortable salaries; he has suspended all the orders issued by Robeson during the last ten days of his term, which included a number of scandalous performances; and has notified the heads of bureaus to meet him twice a week and report the condition of their part of the department. Fortunately, Secretary Thompson, though nearly 68 years old, protests that he feels as young as he ever did; the programme he is laying out for himself needs to be backed up by a vigorous constitution."

The Rev. Phoebe Hanford who was recently dismissed from the Jersey City Church, has bumped herself into another, and before she began her ministrations had her head carefully examined before the congregation by a phrenologist to satisfy her flock that she was qualified to expound the Gospel to them. After the phrenologist had given her a first-class chart, a young man embraced the audience by singing some comic songs which put the sisters and brothers in admirable humor. The Rev. Phoebe may be a good clergywoman, but it is a novel way of getting into a pulpit. If Phoebe is to set the fashion, hereafter the clergy will be called by the pulpit lamp instead of by the Lord, and theological students will need the phrenological certificate in addition to the university diploma and laying on of hands.

For Rent.—A good house and five acres of ground, on North Water street, close to city limits. Apply to
March 19—dtt WARREN & DUBUE.

THE NEGRO VOTE.

Globe-Democrat.

Now that the excitement of the Presidential election is over, and people are settling down quietly to consider political affairs in the same old way, one question as common more prominently than ever before the people, and must be long receive a settlement. It is the question of the future status of the colored voters in the South, and of the policy that will likely be pursued towards them by the whites. There is no denying that the importance of this subject in the past gives only a faint idea of the real prominence it is daily assuming, and in which it will from time to time be placed as future developments are made.

Everybody knows the extreme reluctance with which the Southern people entertained the idea of the political equality of their former slaves. It was the bitterest pill they had to swallow as a result of the war. For a while they were unable to help themselves, but their natural aggressiveness came to their aid, and it became a pleasure to play ways and means to render the negro vote a nullity. In nearly all the Southern States this was at first accomplished by the Ku-Klux Klan, and the huge volumes of Congressional reports on that subject afford a very faint idea of the terror and dismay wrought among the wretched blacks by the masked horsemen who rode to and fro, scaring the negro voters from the polls, and making them afraid to call their souls their own.

The K. K. K. was succeeded by the regular bull dozer, as he has since appeared and put in his work in Mississippi and Louisiana. But the time of his usefulness also is past, and there have for months been indications that a new policy has been inaugurated and will henceforth be steadily followed. This policy is, by legislative enactment, so to hedge about and limit the freedom of the colored voter that in effect the colored vote will be reduced and what there is of it will always be under the thumb of the Democracy. Though this plan would appear useless in such States as Alabama, Georgia and Texas, since in these as in the rest, except South Carolina and Louisiana, the Democrats have their own Returning Boards, yet there is good reason to believe it is to be put in practice in all alike.

Hints of it are given by unguarded acts of the Legislatures, such as bills introduced making disfranchisement the penalty for petty larceny, or any other crime against property; acts providing an educational qualification before the privilege of the franchise will be allowed, and laws providing that the possession of a certain amount of property shall be a necessary qualification for citizenship. While these bills are apparently innocent on their faces, and of course make no specific mention of the negroes, their interpretation points directly at the blacks, and these alone will be affected by their passage. The object, more or less directly, is, of course, to disfranchise the colored voters, and there is too much reason to fear it may be successful. It can not be universally so; but if enough of the negroes can be rendered ineligible to prevent all danger of Republicanism ever being again successful in any Southern State, the object will have been accomplished.

THE WAG OF THE CABINET.

Bon Mots of the Bold Seaman of the Wahash.

Secretary of the Navy Thompson is turning out to be the wag of the Cabinet. The other day when asked, at a dinner given to the Cabinet, as to what was the proper point on a ship from which to fly the American flag, he deftly turned the joke at his expense which the question implied by referring this question of law to the Attorney General. So, also, when he called for the voluminous report of the House Committee on Naval Affairs upon assuming the practical duties of his office, he said, in answer to an objection to the size of the book "If I said the ocean I must have a chart," chuckling as he thought that all that he knew about the Navy was derived from the scows on the wild waters of the Wahash. Now this story is told about him freshly to-day.

Years ago Secretary Thompson was in Congress with ex-Governor John Letcher, of Virginia. They were warm friends, and on one occasion the punch was so good and the last rubber was so long in coming that their spectacles got mixed and Letcher carried off Thompson's and vice versa. The intervening years have now passed and Mr. Thompson is Secretary of the Navy, and Governor Letcher is a distinguished member of the Virginia Legislature. A few days ago Congressman Goode, of the Norfolk district, called on the Secretary in relation to the revival of business at the Norfolk navy-yard, and when the purpose of the business was attended to, Mr. Thompson inquired for his old friend and jocularly remarked: "If Letcher don't come and see me and return those spectacles I'll send Colonel Jim Forney and a file of marines after him." ("Colonel Jim," he it known to Philadelphia, is the son of Colonel John W. Forney, of the Press, and is now stationed at the Norfolk Navy-yard.)

If you need anything in the way of Boots and Shoes, do not fail to call on Montgomery & Co. Their stock is complete.—*price bottom.* mar 27-dtt

The Handsomest and Cheapest BLACK SILKS ever opened in Decatur, at
April 7 dtt LINN & SCRUGGS.

The Permanent Exhibition at Philadelphia.

The work of preparing the Main Exhibition building for the opening on May 1 of the permanent exhibition is being pushed forward rapidly, and many of the exhibits are already in position, awaiting the opening day.—The exhibition, covering a space as great as that occupied by the first international exhibition at London, comprises as many departments as were represented at the Centennial exhibition, and will contain exhibits from most of the foreign nations that have heretofore occupied space in the main building. Whenever the visitor looks he sees something to remind him, as in a dream, of the great exhibition which afforded so much pleasure to Philadelphians in anticipation, in actuality, and now in memory. There is the grandiose monument from machinery hall; there the windmill from the Kansas and Colorado building; there statuary from the art gallery; and all along the central avenue in position and arrangement, but still reminding one of the great displays to which their open portals once led.

CHEVALIER WATSON'S Louisiana baggage emits a prolonged wail about a golden opportunity that President Hayes has lost, and remarks that the President does not know his own mind, or knowing his own mind, has not resolved to follow it in the face of opposition from some of those who have access to him. Notwithstanding this profound opinion, which comes through the wind instrument above mentioned, we must assert this conclusion from all the data at hand and from personal observation: that if there is one thing more than another for which the President is distinguished, it is knowing his own mind and for acting his own convictions. The honorable Illinois is conspicuous as having mistaken the mind of President Hayes.—During a somewhat eventful career Julius Caesar observed that "men believe that which suits their desires or what they wish to happen have occurred," and this seems to be the failing of the Democracy. When Mr. Hayes announced his purpose to pursue a pacific policy he did not mean that he would fill the offices under his control with Democrats, nor put in power a party who would hurl him from his place and subvert the government if they could. If these persons have been chuckling because they thought they had such a fool to deal with we are happy to notice their confusion. There is a large body of citizens who exercise the right of franchise in the United States, and who do not believe that the definition of peace is necessarily the prerogative of Democrats.—*Indianapolis Journal*.

THE following pathetic lines about our senator, which originated in the fertile brain of the Oil City (Penn.) *Derrick*, have been sent us by cable, for publication.

Judge Davis, with velocity,
And much specific gravity,
Plunged down his corporosity
In a Senate chair covetously.
But when he was fairly "seated,"
He heaved some doleful sighs,
For a standing vote was called.
But the poor man couldn't rise.

Not satisfied with having bored the longest tunnel and dug the most important canal in the world, the French are now projecting a work which, if completed, will be, in some respects, as important as either. This is the construction of a canal across France to connect the Mediterranean Sea with the straits of Dover. This canal route will take as much advantage as possible of the rivers, the Rhone, the Saone and the Seine, so that the length of excavation will not be so great as might be supposed. As it is to be a ship canal, however, the size will be considerable, and the estimated cost no less than \$13,000,000. The French are said to be entering with great enthusiasm upon the enterprise, and from their known energy, industry and public spirit when any work of national importance is to be carried out, there is little doubt the canal will become a reality during the next decade.

NEW YORK, March 27.—A Washington special says, the commission for Louisiana has been agreed upon, and the gentlemen selected have signified their acceptance. The names will be officially announced, to-morrow.

Among the assets of the Ocean National Bank, sold to-day, were 7,000 acres of prairie lands in Jackson, Mass.; Johnson and Williamson counties, Illinois, at prices ranging from 25 cents to \$4.50 per acre.

Elegant new styles Hoopskirts and Panties, especially adapted to the present style of cloaks and other garments, at Linn & Scruggs [oct19-d&wtf]

Hemp Carpets are selling at 15 cents a yard, at
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Wanted, 50 Head of Horses.—I will be in Decatur, Ill., on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 28th, 29th and 31st of March, 1877, to purchase good, sound horses, for which I will pay the highest cash price.
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March 27—dtt w1

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Pains in Back, Head, Heart, Lungs, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Lumbago, Sciatica, Rheumatic Gout, Nervous and Kidney Diseases, positively cured by DR. FLETCHER'S RHEUMATIC REMEDY, Kidney Cordial and Vegetable Liver Pills. A Physician's specialty 43 years. Never fails when taken as directed.
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TELEGRAPHIC.

THAT COMMISSION.

The Names to be Made Public To-Day.

Swarm of Office-Seekers.

Dam Disaster in Connecticut.

Two Kansas Editors Indulge in a Shooting Scrape.

IN WHICH ONE GETS KILLED.

TOPEKA, Ks., March 27.—Great excitement was created here this evening by the announcement that J. C. Swayze, editor of the *Topeka Blade*, had been shot and killed by John W. Wilson, formerly connected with the *Daily Times* of this city. The affair grew out of an old newspaper quarrel, which began about two years ago, and continued until the *Times* suspended publication a few weeks ago. The *Blade* renewed its attack upon Wilson, and a street fight resulted, in which Swayze was badly beaten and kicked by Wilson. Since then Swayze has continued the assaults in his paper with increased bitterness. The *Blade* this evening contained a very offensive article about Wilson, characterizing him as a gambler and vagabond of the worst stripe. After reading this, Wilson saw Swayze coming from the Post Office about 6 o'clock, and walked across the street to meet him, and accosting him by name, Swayze immediately drew a pistol and commenced flourishing it at Wilson, who told him to put it up, as he did not want a fuss. Swayze said he did not propose to be whipped "as he was before." By this time Wilson had also drawn a pistol. They were now standing within twelve feet of each other, and the demonstration being exceedingly warlike on both sides, both men fired and grappled. After a short struggle Wilson released himself, and Swayze fell to the ground and upon being carried into his office near by life was found to be extinct, the ball having struck him in the right breast and ranged downward through his heart. Wilson received a glancing shot on the right cheek and a slight wound on the forehead, apparently produced by a blow from the pistol.

STAFFORD, CONN., March 27.—The dam of the Staffordville reservoir, gave away this morning causing this village fearful damage. The railroad freight house and all cars were washed away, leaving only the passenger depots. The Stafford National Bank, Congregational church, and about fifteen other buildings have been washed away. The damage to the railroad track is heavy. LATER.—The flood came upon the village suddenly, and its effect has been very disastrous. The miles of railroad track was washed away, also two Howe truss bridges, between Stafford and Tolland. The flood has caused trouble all along the line. Three railroad telegraph was promptly brought into requisition, and neighboring towns warned of the mighty rush of waters that was causing great destruction of property, and threatening loss of life.

HARTFORD, March 27.—12 m.—Particulars of the breaking of the Staffordville dam, are wanting, as are also details of damage done. Enough, however, is known to show that everything in the path of the flood has been cleaned out.

1 p.m.—Particulars of the disaster by the breaking of the Staffordville dam, are still wanting. The only thing certain is, that the dam has gone, and the damage is very great. The following is a description of the dam and surrounding country. The reservoir belonged to the Reservoir Company, owners of mills on the stream below. The dam was raised six feet the past winter, and the storm last night filled it for the first time. Close by the reservoir stood the estate mill of E. A. Converse, next the shoddy mill of Jacob Boset, next the machine shop of Samuel A. Midon. Lower down was the Phoenix Manufacturing Company's cassimere mill, at Hydeville, and three miles below, the Glen mills. The cotton warp factory stood at Glenville. The Connerville Manufacturing Company's cassimere mill, and G. M. Ives' Granite mill, for making cotton goods, were on the stream at Stafford Spring, about five miles from the dam. The reservoir was a mile and a quarter long, and averaged a quarter of a mile in width. The dam was about twenty feet high, but short, the stream bed being very narrow for some distance below. The water is the head of the Williamantic river. Six years ago, a dam on a tributary to the stream above here gave way and caused great damage.

Remember that P. A. Schaub makes the noblest suits in town. See the Spring Cassimeres, at
March 24—dttf

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Dispatches from New Orleans this morning predicted trouble there if the dispatch of yesterday, from the Secretary of War to Gen. Augur was executed, as the latter officer said he understood it was to restore affairs to the condition they were in on the 3d of March. The President, therefore, after a consultation with his Cabinet telegraphed both Augur and Packard, and the Louisiana delegation also dispatched to Nichols that it was not intended to interfere in any way with the situation, but that the status quo of to-day should be hereafter maintained until the Commission could visit Louisiana and report.

All but one member of the Commission has been agreed on, but the names will not be made public till the last man is selected. The Louisiana Democratic delegation here are not very hopeful of success, while Gov. Kellogg says that he has no doubt of the recognition of Packard.

The South Carolina case will possibly be disposed of by Saturday. Governor Chamberlain arrived to-day, and saw the President, to whom he made an informal statement of his claims to the Governorship. Hampton will be here on Thursday, when the manner of hearing and disposing of the question will be determined. So far as learned neither party is willing to make a compromise. Hampton promises to show that all the courts are with him; that he has appointed colored men to offices.

S. B. McLea, a colored man, who was formerly Secretary of State of Florida and member of the Returning Board last fall, was to-day appointed by the President Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Mexico.

A dispatch from the editor of the *Cincinnati Times* says that Stanley Matthews has no copy of the letter he gave Senator Gordon, and can not recall the purport with sufficient accuracy. He says he will be glad if any one who has a copy will publish it at once. The editor of the *Times* says also: "We have nothing from him (Matthews) to-day. He has no copy of the letter." This disposes of the report telegraphed from Cincinnati last night that the *Times* would publish the letter to-day. The parties here who have the letters decline to make them public.

Some notion of the rush of the grand army of office-seekers may be had when it is stated that nearly 15,000 applications for offices have been received by Postmaster General Key during his brief incumbency.

KILLING DEFORMED CHILDREN.

How appalling the thought that the king of a great empire should demand, from his subjects, the killing of all children born deformed. While this wicked practice is not continued, yet in the United States more than two hundred thousand poor, helpless, crippled, and deformed persons have been allowed to become so; and nine-tenths of them never need have been in this pitiable condition, and many of them with their heads diseased, young or never born at all. Why the exclusion, as stated in Leviticus xxi, 17-20, we know not; but the great sympathy for, and care of the paralyzed, the deformed, the blind, etc., by our Savior, teaches us an imperative duty. We can not do for all as King David did for Jonathan's son, yet, with the triumph of the National Surgical Institute in curing thousands annually. About twenty years and nearly a million of dollars have been expended in organizing and equipping the four great divisions of this institution and developing the new modes of treatment, machinery, and appliances. Surgeons and Commissioners from other nations at the Congress held conferred the highest praise upon The National Surgical Institute exhibited there five times as many humane appliances for the cure of deformities and surgical cases as all the world besides, and of course received the highest prize medal and diploma. All its treatment is scientific, easy, and rapid, avoiding all the old painful treatment of operations, and salacious treatment of old times. More than forty thousand persons have been cured by the Institute. It is daily becoming the household word and cripple's friend all over America. None need fear the expense of cure above their ability to pay; but owing to the hard times and traveling expenses many are deprived of its advantages. For this reason we are informed that two or more of the surgeons from this reliable old institution will visit our city. They will be at the St. Nicholas Hotel, Decatur, Ill., April 30th, 1877, with a full outfit of all kinds of splendid appliances, supports, instruments, and other remedies for the cure of all Deformities, Paralysis, Piles, Fistulas, Diseased Joints, Female Diseases, etc. We advise all needing such treatment to call and see them, as it will cost nothing for examination, and all will be told candidly what can be done for them. You had better call the first day. Send for circular or any desired information at once to National Surgical Institute, Philadelphia, Pa., or Indianapolis, Ind.
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NEW LIFE FOR WOMEN.

'Tis generally believed that woman is more subject to disease than man; such is not the case; but from the modes and customs that Tyrant Fashion has imposed on her, and her disregard to the laws of health, to-day not one in ten is in perfect health. This would be fearful, were it not a fact that Dr. L. Turner's New Life for Women is a guaranteed cure for all diseases and derangements peculiar to them. It cures Whites, Ulceration of the Womb, Hysterics, Green Sickness, Palpitation, Headache, Smothering, Drawing down Pains in the Stomach, Bowels, Limbs and Back. It is a mild yet perfect uterine regulator, in painful, irregular, obstructed, suppressed or profuse menstruation, effective in establishing nature in delicate young girls, also in change of life, aiding digestion, removing barrenness and sterility, and all derangements and diseases of women.

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Have a new stock of Domestic Goods, such as PRINTS, MUSLINS, SHIRTINGS, TICKINGS, DENIMS, JEANS and CASSIMERES, bought before the advance in Cottons, and are very cheap.

Have just received an Elegant Assortment of LADIES' NECK WEAR, the new style LACE LACE BIB COLLAR, SILK and LACE FICHUS, RUCHINGS, LINEN COLLARS and CUFFS, TIES, SILK and LACE HANDKERCHIEFS, &c., &c.

300 pieces EMBROIDERY—the handsomest ever shown in Decatur for the price; and the best FRENCH WOVEN CORSET for 50 cents you ever saw.

HAYS & BARTHOLOMEW.
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I have on hand a complete stock of DOMESTIC PRINTS, GINGHAMS, TABLE LINENS, FLANNELS, CASSIMERES, and a full line of DRESS GOODS of all descriptions, which I will offer at Great Bargains until the first day of April, in order to reduce my stock before buying Spring Goods.

Call and examine my prices, at

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March 28, 1877—d&wsno

NOTICE.

MY WIFE, LUCINDA GARVER, having

left my bed and board without just

cause, and provided all persons desiring

warranted not to trust or harbor her on my

account, as I will pay no debts of her con-

tracting after this date. DAVID GARVER.

March 27 1877—dtt

Epilepsy or Fits.

SAMARITAN NERVE, the great

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and Convulsions, Spasms, St. Vitus

Dance, and all nervous diseases

of the unknown positive and sure

cure for Epilepsy. It has been

tested by thousands and new nerves

been known to fall in a single case. Inclose

stamp for circulars, giving evidence of

cases. Trial package free. Please give name

of express office when ordering medicines.

Also send name and address of all persons

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\$5 to \$20 per day at home. Sample

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DECATUR, March 1, 1877

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DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

Wednesday Evening, March 28.

1877

Have begun to deliver, and will supply all who leave their orders at Keeler's Hat Store.

My ice is the best ever put up in Decatur and will be supplied at very low prices. D. A. MARVIN.

April 30, 1876-77

CITY DEPARTMENT.

Armstrong's for the genuine California wine butters.

The Lax Brothers have the finest lively outfits in the city, and will serve the public in that line at reasonable rates.

The streets of the city were a deserted appearance yesterday afternoon while the candidates' convention was in session at the court-house. Most of the few citizens who were not included in the list of candidates, were present as spectators.

Niedermeyer, near the mound, has a full supply of choice groceries and provisions.

Teachlow potatoes, of the best quality, at Newell & Hammer's.

Harvey Downing's hawk never hauls out the route for mud or storm.

Order Taylor's back and you will be sure to make the train.

All kinds of jewelry, silver and plated ware, clocks and watches, below list prices, at H. Post's.

In buying carpets for the spring and summer call on Abel & Locke.

The finest assortment of wall-paper in Central Illinois at Abel & Locke's.

A full line of Wall-Paper, at Bishop & Story's.

Remember that the great bankrupt sale of oil paintings, carriages and look-alike glasses, opens today, at the store next door west of Close & Griswold's, recently occupied by J. P. Smallwood, J. N. Fuller, auctioneer.

Complete stock of Queensware, cheaper than ever, at Bishop & Story's.

Feb. 23-dtf

The Convention Yesterday.—The candidates' convention, held yesterday at the court-house, was among the important events of the season, and was largely attended. The occasion furnished lots of fun for the participants, and those who felt of an election, will be in part compensated for their disappointment by the amusement they will get out of it while making the race. There may be some of the candidates, however, that have the matter so much at heart that they would be inconsolable in case of defeat.

A Complete Stock of Hats, Caps and Men's Furnishing Goods, now ready, at Keeler's Hat Store.

March 28-dwlmw

A New Attorney.—Johnny Dunn had his maiden case before Justice Hughes this morning. He got beaten, which was simply on account of his client having the worst side of the case. Johnny took hold of business in a workman-like manner, and in the examination of witnesses showed the skill of an old hand.

The City Book Store.—We call attention to the new advertisement of this enterprising house which appears in our columns to-day. The stock is large and select, and embraces everything belonging to that line of trade. In the advertisement will be found a partial list of their goods, which is simply an index to the large and extensive stock on hand. Call and see the goods.

John C. Mark, No. 9, East Main St., has a full line of new base balls, foot-balls, marbles, inkstands, paper weights, new style paper ties, which he offers for sale at prices to suit the times.

March 28 dtf

The City Sand Bank Squad Reinforced.—This morning four traps were before Justice Hughes on a charge of vagrancy. They plead guilty, and were assessed ten dollars each, in default of which they were sent to the sand bank to work. They gave the names of Samuel Small, Peter McGuire, Thomas Smith and Samuel Williams.

Arrested for Forgery.—Last night a man claiming to be an Odd Fellow, applied to Mr. William Ragan, express agent, who is a prominent member of the order, for assistance, but as his papers and examination were not satisfactory, Mr. R. declined to respond. The fellow then drew up a written order from the proprietor of the Pacific House, near the depot, for supper, lodging and breakfast, and signed Mr. Ragan's name to the document. He then went to the house named and presented the order. The proprietor not liking the looks of things, came up town and showed the order to Mr. R., who went back on it entirely, and declared he had signed no such paper. The matter was placed in the hands of Officer Brockway, who went to the Pacific House and took the fellow into custody. He was taken before Justice Hughes, where he confessed the forgery, and was held to bail in the sum of \$300. He gave the name of Olive Seibargh, and claims to hail from Ohio, where he says his father is a practicing physician in good circumstances. In default of bail he was committed to jail.

White and Colored Shirts in stock and ready to order at Keeler's Hat Store.

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Fine Neck Wear, Linen Collars and Cuffs, Suspenders, Gloves, & Hose, &c., at Keeler's Hat Store.

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A Curiosity.—Call at J. S. Hand & Co. and examine the new St. John Sewing Machine. It beats the world.

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Paper Curtains.—Three for 25 cents, at Bishop & Story's.

Feb. 23-dtf

About a Candidate.—The readers of the REPUBLICAN have doubtless observed among the list of announcements that of J. Hall, for Justice of the Peace, and probably some do not know that the gentleman in question has been city editor of this paper for nearly four years. I am a portion of his regular duties to write complimentary notices for candidates whose announcements appear in our columns, he has modestly refrained from making mention of his own candidacy, and this is why it devolves upon the writer of this to say a few words of commendation in his favor. Mr. Hall is not only an intelligent and honorable man, but he has also had considerable experience in public affairs, having been thrice honored with a seat in the legislature of his native state, New Hampshire. He is peculiarly fitted for the office of magistrate, having a calm, sober judgment, and a good knowledge of law. Our intercourse with him has been of the most confidential character, and it warrants us in saying that he is entirely worthy the confidence of the public. If elected to the office of justice of the peace, those who vote for him will never have cause to regret doing so.—EBS. REPUBLICAN.

Ben Thompson.—As this eminent comedian is a stranger in Decatur, it will not be out of place to say that the few people in the city who have seen him in the amusing and thrilling comedy of "Joshua Whitcomb," speak in the highest terms of the entertainment. It is also true, that wherever the company has appeared the press, without exception, comments most favorably upon its performance. The Springfield Journal of yesterday holds the following in relation to the entertainment given there on Monday night:

"Had the interesting character of the play and the excellence of the company been generally known, a crowded house would have greeted Ben Thompson and his company, last evening, in the presentation of their comedy, 'Joshua Whitcomb.' The play is somewhat after the order of John Owen's famous 'Solon' comedy, but if possible more amusing, although there are some parts so pathetic as to evoke the emotion of sympathy and laughter. 'Uncle Josh' is a Yankee character and admirably impersonated by Mr. Thompson, the better, as the support is all that could be desired. The performance opened with the laughable farce, 'Connubial Victims,' and it was presented with a strong cast. Mr. Joseph followed with a remarkable exhibition of jugglery. After the playing of a selection, in good taste, by the orchestra, came the attraction of the evening, 'Joshua Whitcomb.' At the conclusion of the first act Mr. Thompson and little 'Tot' were called before the curtain, and the applause throughout the play was especially enthusiastic.

Western Style of Courtship.—It is said that the courting business claims a good deal of the attention of young ladies these days, and that Decatur girls are no exception to the rule. It is also said that there are many bashful young men who cannot muster up courage to "pop the question," and have been talking around the subject of matrimony without bringing matters to a crisis.—Now, for the benefit of the young ladies who may be receiving the attentions of diffident young men, we will give them a little story, which shows how a Colorado girl brought her "feller" to terms. Here is the story as found in an exchange:

"They have some queer girls in Colorado. One of them, who resides in Cache la Poudre Valley, had been receiving the attentions of a young man, but becoming impatient at his failure to bring matters to a crisis, she resolved to ascertain his intentions. When he next called she took him gently by the ear and led him to a seat and said: 'Nobby, you've bin foolin' round this claim mighty near a year an' he's never yit shot off your mouth on the marryin' biz. I've cottoned to yer on the square clean through, an' he's stood every other galoot that has tried to chin in, an' now I want yer to come down to business or leave the ranch. Ef yer on the marry, an' I want a pard that'll stick rite to ye till ye pass in your checks, just aequal an' we'll be off; but ef that ain't yer game, draw out an' give some other feller a ship out for his pile. Now sing yer song or skip out.' He sang.

Bridge Contract Awarded.—The contract for repairing the trestle work of the approaches to the county bridge has been awarded to B. B. Tuttle by the commissioners of highways. The terms of the contract are \$26.50 per thousand for lumber, used, the contractor furnishing all material and labor; and whatever old lumber is used, the township is to be allowed twenty dollars per thousand therefor.

A Good-by Reception.—As Dr. S. C. Ham is about leaving for Newburg, his sister, Miss Callic, arranged last evening for a kind of good-by reception, in honor of her brother. In response to invitations, about twenty young people assembled at the residence of the parents of the young people named, where an exceedingly pleasant time was enjoyed. The festivities of the occasion were enlivened by vocal and instrumental music and social games. At a suitable hour a superb supper was served, and at about twelve o'clock the party broke up, each one on leaving giving a parting hand-shake to the young physician, and bidding him a hearty good-speed. The occasion will be remembered by all who participated as a very agreeable one.

Go to Race's and see their new Spring Cassimeres, just received, which Schaub will make up in the latest styles.

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Feb. 23-dtf

A DIRECTORY

Of the Candidates to be Voted for Next Tuesday.

By the Candidate for Chief Justice, who Modestly brings in his own Name at the tail End.

SUPERVISORS.

Tyler, John, and Webster Dan, You can vote for me, sir, And then you will, sir.

Assessors.

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FROM ARGENTA.

ARGENTA, ILL., March 28, 1877.

Editors REPUBLICAN:—Agdia I will endeavor to "scratch" you a few items.

From the appearance of this morning most of the biggest snow we have had this winter will disappear to-day.

The farmers have made slow progress this month in the way of farming, and those who have had a hired hand or two since the first of March have been earnestly praying for spring, but as yet their prayers have availed but little.

Our friend, R. M. Machum, sent a carload of fine steers, averaging 1400, at \$4.00 per hundred. D. K. Wilson was the unlucky buyer.

The firm of Ellis & Co. have dissolved partnership in the mercantile business, and the business will hereafter be carried on by the junior partner, C. H. Crooley.

The schools have about all closed, with good success. The summer schools will open about the middle of April.

Another Bachelor Gone.

Married—At the residence of the bride's parents, March 23d, by Rev. [I don't know who], Mr. Taylor Crooley, of Argenta, and Miss Agnes Keller, of Cisco.

Success to the happy couple, and may many follow the bridegroom's example and be made happy by being united to some one of the innumerable young ladies in this part of the county.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of our esteemed friend, Wm. Elkins, which occurred on Saturday evening last. Mr. Elkins was taken down some time in the latter part of February with a fever, which seemed rather serious for some time, but some three weeks ago he took a change for the better, rapidly improved, and was considered out of danger, but about a week ago he commenced having chills, which appeared light at first, and on Wednesday he took a congestive chill, and from that time was unconscious until death relieved him of his sufferings. The deceased was about 52 years of age, and was highly respected by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and nine children to mourn his loss.

The health in this section is better than it has been for some time past.

Yours, NOW AND THEN.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post Office, at Decatur, March 28, 1877.

Brady J G, Barrett S W, Bailey W & B, Bragmiller Sarah, Goodman Cattie, Hoffmann E M, Hoffman Peter, Lusk J H, Mitchell Annie, Wilson Emily A, May Frank, Myers Eliza Jane, R. P. LITTLE, P. M.

Mullinix Eliza, Morrow Mollie (2), Myers Mary, Sites Berry F, Smith John D, Thorneil Elie, Wise Benjamin, Ward A or Elizabeth, Wilson Emily A, Watson Lucy, Walker Lettie, R. P. LITTLE, P. M.

MARRIED.

At the St. Nicholas Hotel, on Tuesday evening, March 27th, by E. Hughes, Esq., Mr. CHARLES K. SIMPSON, of La-then, and Miss ANNA M. GASOVAY, of the same place.

DIED.

At his late residence in this city on Tuesday evening, March 27th, Mr. DANIEL AUGUST, aged fifty-one years.

Deceased was born on the Blue Ridge, in Lebanon county, Pa., June 24, 1826; was married in Jonestown, Pa., to Miss Mary A. Stein, the daughter of a Lutheran minister, Oct. 30th, 1849. In April, 1860, he moved to this city, of which he remained a worthy resident until his death. His health had been gradually declining for some time, but he was only confined to his bed for about three weeks. Mr. August was a good man, industrious and honorable in business relations, a worthy member and officer of the First M. E. church, and filling usefully and honorably all the relations of life.

His funeral will take place at the First M. E. church, to-morrow (Thursday) at 2 o'clock, p. m. Friends of the family and the public are invited. Mr. August leaves several children and a large circle of relatives and friends to lament his death.

On Wednesday morning, March 28th, at her husband's residence, just west of the city, Mrs. NALE, wife of Levi Nale, aged upward of 70 years.

Deceased was the mother of Colonel John H. Nale, of Memphis, Tennessee, and of David Nale, both of whom are known to many of our citizens. She has also two or three daughters, who survive her, in this city. She came to this city from Virginia, about thirty years ago, and was, therefore, one of the old settlers of the place. She was a good woman, and died in peace.

For Rent, within three blocks of the post office, a pleasant front room, with or without furniture; terms reasonable. Also board for four gentlemen. For information apply at this office.

March 13-dtf

Look for the great auction sale of Mirrors, Paintings, Photograph Frames, etc., on East Main street, Decatur, next door to Close & Griswold's hardware store.

March 24-d2

We are glad to hear that Dr. Marshall's Lung Syrup gives such general satisfaction; our druggists say it sells better than any other preparation for coughs, colds, etc. The Price is 25 cents. For sale by all druggists.

March 22 d&wlv

A Complete Stock of Butterick's Spring and Summer Patterns just received by Roush & McReynolds. Call and get a Catalogue.

March 24-dwlv

Oysters, in every style, at Jan. 3-dtf MILLER'S Restaurant.

Boschee's German Syrup can now be purchased right at home; it is the most successful preparation ever introduced to our people. It works like a charm in all cases of Consumption, Pneumonia, Hemorrhages, Asthma, severe Coughs, Croup and all other Throat and Lung Diseases. No person has ever used this medicine without getting immediate relief, yet there are a great many poor, suffering, skeptical persons going about our streets with a suspicious cough, and the voice of constipation coming from their lungs, that will not try it. If you die it is your own fault, as you can go to your druggists, A. J. Storer, Theo. Hildebrandt, or B. F. Gne & Son, and get a Sample Bottle for 10 cents and try it; three doses will relieve any case. Regular size only 75 cents. [Nov 15-lawly]

Pike, the Jeweler, keeps the best Spectacles in the city, and sells them at reasonable price. [Sept 1-dlm]

Is your eyesight failing?—Try the Reading Glasses for sale by Pike, the Jeweler. feb 7 dtt

German Class.—Miss Anna Holt will give lessons in German, in the room over Keeler's hat store, (formerly Esq. Hughes' office. For particulars enquire at the rooms as above, from five to seven and a half o'clock, in the evening.

March 17-d4m

Michigan Apples.—A choice lot just received, at Leffingwell's Cash Store, No. 12 East Main street. [Mar 27-2d]

Mme. Demorest's Spring and Summer Patterns, just received at Linn & Scruggs. Call for catalogue. March 15 tf

You can get a pair of ladies' kid side-lace shoes for \$3, at BARBER & BAKER'S.

March 23 d&wlv

Our Stock of Boots and Shoes is all new. MONTGOMERY & CO.

March 27-dw

OPERA HOUSE.

The Fashionable Event!

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 28,

First and only appearance this season of the inimitable COMEDIAN.

MR. DEN THOMPSON

Supported by MISS JULIA WILSON

AND A POWERFUL DRAMATIC CO.

In the latest success, entitled, JOSHUA WHITCOMB!

A PLAY OF TO-DAY, replete with a sparkling dialogue, new and effective situations, fun, humor and pathos, and a superb music scene, as played by MR. DEN THOMPSON, 1,000 times in all the principal Eastern cities.

Admission, 50c and 75c. Reserved Seats, without extra charge, now on sale at Abbott's.

WEAR THE

BRILLIANT SPECTACLES!

EYE GLASSES.

They are the star in the market—they never tire the eye, and last many years without change. Manufactured by T. LAZARUS & CO., Hartford, Conn.

J. S. HAND & CO., Wholesale and retail dealers in BOOKS, MUSIC and STATIONERY, in Post Office Block, Decatur, Illinois, are the only Agents in this place.

Also Agents for

